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1. On 17 November 1950 a meeting was held in Berlin at which Georg Dertinrer, the East German Foreign Minister, was given a briefing by the diplomatic representatives accredited to countries of the Soviet bloc, who had been called home for consultation. Each of the representatives attempted to define the general attitude toward the current crisis in the country where he is stationed.
2. Johannes König (minister to Communist China) reported that the Chinese government was far from optimistic regarding Korea at the beginning of operations there. Publication of a speech by CHOU En-lai was not allowed until the Chinese volunteers were actually committed in Korea. The "great conception" of China is now, "We are fighting in order that Europe may have peace".
3. Rudolf Appelt (minister to the Soviet Union) said that in Moscow the prime importance of the United Nations is emphasized. The United Nations must remain an instrument of peace. The USSR demands a conference of the four great powers (Russia, the United States, [redacted], [redacted]). Mean-
time, there are no signs of a change in the attitude of the Soviet Union on the Korean question. Moscow counts on a long war in Korea, with heavy American losses; but the people of the Soviet Union are bearing the cost of armament for peace. Moscow expects of the German Democratic Republic that it will react with all energy on the basis of the Prague proposals.
4. Dr. Friedrich Wolf (minister to Poland): Warsaw believes that the line of peace must be drawn from the Elbe to the Pacific Ocean. The German Democratic Republic is the most important sentinel along this line.
5. Fritz Grosse (minister to Czechoslovakia): The Czechs have come to have confidence in the power of the German Democratic Republic to maintain peace and to reunite Germany.

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